

## **Ballistic Missile Defense**

untsville Center supports the Missile Defense Agency on the Ballistic Missile Defense System Program. Lt. Gen. Henry A. "Trey" Obering, III is the agency director.

Huntsville Center is designated the Corps of Engineers' Deputy Life Cycle Program Manager for design and construction of the BMDS facilities. On Dec. 15, 1998, the GMD Program Manager, then Brig. Gen. Willie B. Nance, and Corps Director of Military Programs, Maj. Gen. Milton Hunter, signed a charter formally linking the National Missile Defense Joint Project Office and the Corps of Engineers as partners.

Efforts by Huntsville Center include conducting special studies and site surveys,

developing facilities requirements and criteria, preparation of facility designs and cost estimates, and supporting engineering and design during construction. After BMDS facility designs are completed by Huntsville Center, the Corps of Engineers districts accept responsibility for construction execution.

The Corps of Engineers' BMDS Team combines the talents and expertise of Huntsville Center, Alaska District, Los Angeles District, Europe District, the Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory, Honolulu District, Omaha District, and the Transatlantic Programs Center. The team expands as needed to use the Corps' full depth and capabilities.

The Corps of Engineers is currently designing and constructing BMDS facilities at Fort Greely, Alaska; Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif.; and in Europe.



The Readiness and Control Building at Fort Greely, Alaska.

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